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REMARKS

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1. On 21 January 1951, a Soviet technical unit with a repair shop was located at the former Excelsior Plant in Brandenburg. The unit was commanded by Colonel (Arty) Chinnikov, (fnu), and had 20 to 25 artillery officers and about 80 NCOs and EM. It employed 150 to 200 German workers. (1)

2. About 200 Soviet soldiers, 60 German women and 15 German men were employed at the Excelsior Plant in mid-March 1951. The female workers cleaned and crated rifles while the male workers handled artillery pieces.

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4. In early April 1951, the German workers employed at the Excelsior Plant were discharged and placed at the disposal of the German labor office. The Soviet troops started dismantling and crating the machinery. On 25 April 1951, the loading of machinery and equipment on railroad cars on the spur track leading into the Excelsior Plant was completed. The work was performed by Soviet

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soldiers. The destination of the material could not be determined. On 24 May 1951, it was learned that the Bauunion Ost (Building Corporation East) had taken over the Excelsior Plant and started reconditioning the buildings. (4)

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Comments.

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- (1) The report confirms the ordnance depot with repair shop in the former Excelsior Bicycle Plant on Ziesarer Landstrasse. See [redacted] Colonel Chinnikov, (fnu), is identified for the first time.

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- (2)  
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- (4) The evacuation is reported for the first time. It is not known whether the ordnance depot with repair shop in the former Opel Plant in Brandenburg was also evacuated. [redacted]

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